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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
John BOYLAN et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3738  
Application No.: 10/814,326 ) Examiner: G. Hill  
Filed: March 30, 2004 ) Confirmation No.: 5142  
For: RADIOPAQUE AND MRI ) MAIL STOP: AF  
COMPATIBLE NITINOL ALLOYS )  
FOR MEDICAL DEVICES )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Enclosed is a reply to the Final Office Action of March 22, 2006. The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	49	-	49	0	x \$ 50	\$ 00.00
Indep.	7	-	5	2	x \$200	400.00
						Subtotal \$ 400.00
						Reduction by ½ if small entity - 0.00
						TOTAL \$ 400.00

- A fee of \$400.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.  
 A check for \$400.00 to cover the above fee(s) is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: May 22, 2006

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 22, 2006, Applicants request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks, which are believed to place the pending claims in condition for allowance.

**Amendments** begin at page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** follow the Amendment section of this paper.

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